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FOLLOWING REPEAT AMMAN 5841 ACTION INFO DAMASCUS TEL AVIV
SECSTATE DATED 10/2/74.

QUOTE S E C R E T AMMAN 5841

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE AMMAN

REF: STATE 213356

1. PRIME MINISTER TALKED WITH AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 2 ABOUT
SCHEDULE. SAID KING HAD PERSONALLY DECIDED BETWEEN A NUMBER
OF VARIOUS PROPOSALS AND HIS DECISION WAS AS FOLLOWS.

2. OCTOBER 11 20:40 LOCAL ARRIVAL AT AMMAN AIRPORT FOLLOWED BY
MOVE TO ROYAL PALACE COMPLEX. DINNER WILL FOLLOW FOR SECRETARY
AND MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY. FINAL COMPOSITION TO BE
DECIDED LATER. NO SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WILL BE HELD THAT
EVENING BECAUSE KING BELIEVES SECRETARY WILL HAVE HAD
HIS FILL IN DAMASCUS AND DOES NOT WISH TO PUT TOO MUCH

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INTO SCHEDULE FOR EVENING OF ARRIVAL. PROBABLY WILL BE NORMAL

PICTURE SESSION ON ARRIVAL PALACE.

3. NEXT DAY (OCTOBER 12) AT 09:00 KING SUGGESTS DEPART BY HELICOPTER FOR PETRA. HIS THESIS IS THAT SECRETARY SHOULD SEE PETRA IN RELATIVE COOL OF MORNING. FOLLOWING VISIT TO PETRA CONCLUDING ABOUT 11:30 OR NOON SECRETARY AND PARTY WILL CONTINUE ON BY HELICOPTER TO AQABA WHICH IS CLOSER TO PETRA THAN AMMAN HALF HOUR LATER. REMAINDER OF DAY WILL BE SPENT AT AQABA AT KING'S RESIDENCE WHERE HE WILL PROVIDE AN INFORMAL WORKING LUNCH AND SET ASIDE REMAINDER OF AFTERNOON FOR DISCUSSIONS.

4. RIFAI INFORMED THAT PARTY WOULD NOW LIKE TO DEPART AT 17:00 WHICH HE SAYS IS AGREEABLE TO GOJ. HE BELIEVES THERE WILL BE LITTLE EXTRA TIME ADDED BY AQABA DEPARTURE.

5. WE RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE THIS SCHEDULE. IT PROVIDES FOR TALKS IN QUIET ATMOSPHERE OF AQABA AND FOR OPPORTUNITY TO SEE PETRA DURING MORE COMFORTABLE PART OF THE DAY.

6. FOR THE PRESS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER GROUND TRANSPORTATION TO PETRA LEAVING AMMAN ABOUT 07:00, CONTINUING ON TO AQABA. WE WILL ALSO SET UP LUNCH FOR PRESS AT CORAL BEACH HOTEL AND MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR FILING WHICH WILL BE, AS EXPERIENCED LAST JANUARY, SOMEWHAT MORE PRIMITIVE THAN AMMAN.

7. WE WOULD ALSO ENVISAGE SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT BEING PLACED AT AQABA TWO HOURS PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL TO HANDLE URGENT COMMUNICATIONS DURING TIME OF SECRETARY'S PRESENCE AT AQABA AND BE AVAILABLE FOR 17:00 TAKE-OFF.

8. WOULD LIKE URGENT DEPARTMENT APPROVAL THIS SCHEDULE AS WE NEED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ADVANCE TIME TO SET UP APPROPRIATE LOGISTIC AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS AT AQABA FOR OCTOBER 12.
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